- Brief History of Air Cargo Security
  - Chain of Checks & Balances
  - Hazardous material controls

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# **A Brief History**

# Heightened Security in Air Transportation

The concern over airline security began in 1961 .....





The explosion of TW 800 triggered improved cargo security procedures including inspection of shipments from unknown shippers & requiring Security Declarations on all shipments.

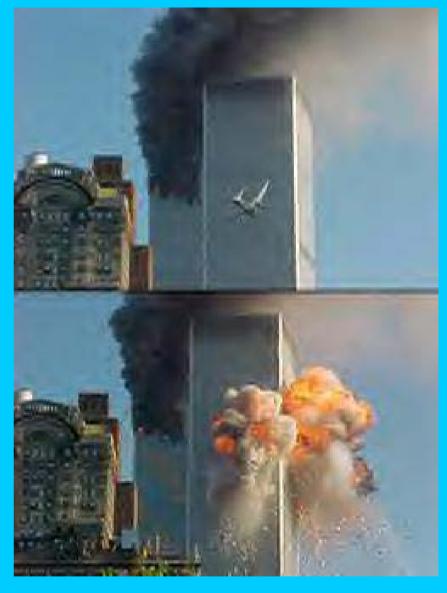


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The bombing of Pan American flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland heightened concern of airline safety procedures. The FAA began focusing on unaccompanied items such as air freight.



September 11, 2001





# **A Brief History**

On November 19, 2001, President Bush signed into law the Aviation & Transportation Security Act.



Part of this was the creation of the Transportation Security Administration, (TSA)

which now falls under the **Dept of Homeland Security.** 





# **A Brief History**



The **TSA** is charged with the responsibility for inspecting persons and property carried by aircraft operators and foreign air carriers.

#### These policies govern

- the handling of cargo
- the security of aircraft and facilities
- reporting unlawful acts of interference





Security Regulations are constantly modified in accordance with the most current risk assessment to insure the protection of

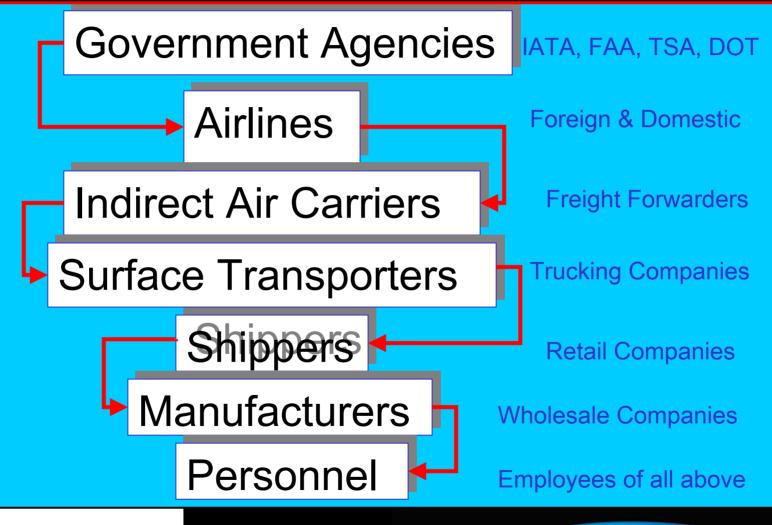


- **→**People
- **→** Property
  - **→**Aircraft





# **Security Checks & Balances**



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Government Agencies

**Airlines** 

**Indirect Air Carriers** 

Surface Transporters

**Shippers** 

Manufacturers

Personnel

Each entity in the transport chain is responsible to insure that all cargo is

- from a reliable source,
- protected from outside tampering,
- packaged properly to minimize hazard risks,
- handled by trained personnel,
- documented accurately.





# Security Checks & Balances

All staff with access to cargo destined for air transport must:



- have passed a rigorous background check
- be successfully trained in security procedures
- ✓ report any signs of tampering
- ✓ have specialized DGR training if they will be involved in the packing or transport of this type of cargo



Hazmat (also known as **DGR**) must adhere to even more stringent controls in order to insure the safety of everyone in the transport chain.

















- Packaging: Specific requirements based on
  - Hazard Class
  - Quantity
  - Transport mode

- Labeling: including
  - Hazards
  - Contents
  - Special Handling
- Documentation

All of the above +

Emergency Contact information

- Loading
  - Compatibility
  - Accessibility







#### Risks involved in hazmat cargo transport:

Accidental damage to these shipments can cause an "incident" which can endanger people, property and the environment.



→In the hands of terrorists, in an uncontrolled environment, these commodities can pose an even greater threat.





Strict packing regulations prevent physical inspection of the contents, so security screening methods are limited.



Hazmat shipments have a high risk of inflicting harm if they are lost, damaged or stolen, so additional regulations apply.



# Security Requirements have been added to the CFR ("Code of Federal Regulations")

- After March 25, 2003 all hazmat employees must receive security awareness training with their recurrent hazmat training.
- By September 24,2003, every person or company who transports hazmat must develop & adhere to a security plan.
  - By December 22, 2003 all employees of these companies must be trained in this security plan.



At a *minimum*, the security plan must include:

 Personnel Security -verified background checks of job applicants.

 Unauthorized access - preventing unauthorized persons from gaining access to these goods





#### The security plan must also include:

- En route security measures to assess and address the security risks in transit from origin to destination, including storage areas.
- Written copies of the plan, available to all employees on a "need to know" basis.
- Revisions and updates as necessary to reflect changing circumstances.







Diligent protection & oversight of Hazmat cargo is a critical element in the defense of **Homeland Security**.



Thank you for your attention.





